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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Arrangement in a sheet-metal forming tool (7) comprising a first part (2) for performing a reciprocating movement, produced by means of a drive arrangement (3), in relation to a second part (4) fixed to a stand, and a bearing (5) arranged between the parts, of which the first part (2) has elements (6) for forming or machining a held sheet (1) ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the bearing (5) comprises at least one wheel (5a) on a shaft (5b) arranged on one of the parts (2) and a running surface (5c) for the ~~said~~-wheel (5a) on the remaining part (4), ~~the~~-said surface facing the wheel (5a) and defining the reciprocating movement of the first part (2).
2. (Currently Amended) Arrangement according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein there are at least two wheels (5a) on the shaft (5b) arranged at a distance from one another.
3. (Currently Amended) Arrangement according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein each wheel (5a) is substantially enclosed by a housing (8), ~~from which only a fraction of~~ wherein each wheel (5a) has a partially protruding portion that protrudes through an opening (10) facing the running surfaces (5c).
4. (Currently Amended) Arrangement according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the opening (10) lies substantially close up to each wheel (5a).
5. (Currently Amended) Arrangement according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the shaft (5b) is fixed to the part (2) designed with the forming or machining element (6), and that the wheels (5a) are rotatably supported on the shaft (5b).

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6. (Withdrawn) Arrangement according to claim 1, characterised in that the shaft (5b) is fixed to the part (4) fixed to a stand, and that the wheels (5a) are rotatably supported on the shaft (5b).

7. (Currently Amended) Arrangement according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein a sealing arrangement (9) is designed to form a substantially seal a space between the first part (2) and the second part (4) and to substantially enclose the above-mentioned fraction partially protruding portion of each wheel (5a).

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8. (Currently Amended) Arrangement according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein the arrangement (9) comprises a U-shaped seal (9b) having legs arranged on the second part (4) and an I-shaped seal (9a), arranged on the first part (2) and extending between the legs of the U-shaped seal (9b).

9. (Currently Amended) Arrangement according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein the distance between the parts (2, 4) is less than the thickness of the sheet (1).

10. (Currently Amended) Arrangement according to claim 1, characterised in that wherein the radial distance between the peripheral surface of each wheel (5a) and its pivot bearing (5d) is greater than the distance between the parts (2, 4).

11. (New) The arrangement according to claim 3, wherein each wheel protrudes less than 3mm from said housing.

12. (New) The arrangement according to claim 3, wherein each wheel protrudes more than 3mm from said housing.